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Snow Chain Information

ODOT Chain Conditions

ODOT Chain Condition Messages Broadcasted Over Caltrans Highway Advisory Radio

Similar Caltrans Chain Controls

Condition B: Chains required on vehicles towing or over 10,000 GVW.	Chains are required on all vehicles pulling trailers.	(ODOT Condition B is not similar to any of Caltrans chain controls)
Condition B1: Chains required on vehicles with GVW of 10,000 or less that are towing, and single drive axle vehicles with GVW over 10,000.	Chains are required on all single drive axle trucks, trucks pulling double trailers, passenger vehicles pulling trailers, and 4-wheel drive vehicles pulling trailers.	R-1 Modified: Chains are required on all single-axle drive vehicles pulling trailers.
Condition C: Chains required. Traction tires allowed in place of chains on vehicles under 10,000 GVW and not towing. Vehicles towing must use chains.	Chains or snow tread tires are required on all vehicles. However, vehicles pulling trailers must install chains. Chains are required on all big rigs and buses.	R-1: Chains or snow tread tires are required on all vehicles. Chains are required on all big rigs and buses.
Condition D: Traction tires alone are not sufficient. "Chains required on all vehicles excluding four-wheel drive vehicles unless towing.	Chains are required on all trucks and vehicles, except 4-wheel drive vehicles. However, four-wheel drive vehicles pulling trailers must install chains.	R-2: Chains are required on all vehicles except 4-wheel drives with snow tread tires on all four wheels.
(ODOT has no chain condition similar to Caltrans Chain Control R-3)		R-3: Chains are required on all vehicles with no exceptions.





Note: It is of mutual desire for both the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to provide the highest level of service possible to the motoring public traversing State highways. This table above provides clarification specific to ODOT chain conditions requiring Caltrans notifications along I-5 over the Siskiyou Pass.

